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Merimil Limited Partnership
Hydro-Kennebec, LLC
Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC

Project No. 2574-091
Project No. 2611-090
Project Nos. 2322-070
2325-097

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT APPLICATION TO EXTEND EXPIRATION DATE
OF INTERIM SPECIES PROTECTION PLANS AND SOLICITING
COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS

Take notice that the following amendment application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Amendment of License
- b. Project Nos: P-2574-091; P-2611-090; P-2322-070; P-2325-097
- c. Date Filed: July 29, 2020
- d. Applicants: Merimil Limited Partnership; Hydro-Kennebec, LLC; Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC
- e. Name of Projects: Lockwood, Hydro-Kennebec, Shawmut, and Weston Hydroelectric Projects
- f. Locations: The projects are located on the lower Kennebec River in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, Maine.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Kelly Maloney, Licensing and Compliance Manager, Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240; telephone: (207) 755-5605
- i. FERC Contact: Marybeth Gay, (202) 502-6125, Marybeth.Gay@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: September 4, 2020.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket numbers P-2574-091, P-2611-090, P-2322-070, and P-2325-097. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of Request: Brookfield Power US Asset Management, LLC (Brookfield), on behalf of the affiliated licensees for the Lockwood (P-2574), Hydro-Kennebec (P-2611), Shawmut (P-2322), and Weston (P-2325) Projects, requests that the expiration date of the Interim Species Protection Plans (Interim Plans) for the four projects be extended to coincide with the issuance date of a new license for the Shawmut Project. The Commission approved the Interim Plan for the Hydro-Kennebec Project on February 28, 2013, and extended the expiration date of that plan on March 14, 2018. The Interim Plan for the Lockwood, Shawmut, and Weston Projects was approved on May 19, 2016. The Interim Plans for the four projects expired on December 31, 2019. On December 31, 2019, Brookfield filed a proposed Final Species Protection Plan (Final Plan) for the projects. On July 13, 2020, Commission staff rejected Brookfield's Final Plan, explaining that Brookfield needed to consult further with relevant state and federal agencies before re-filing the Final Plan. On July 29, 2020, Brookfield requested an extension to the expiration date of the Interim Plans to allow for additional time to consult with the agencies on the Final Plan. During the extended time, the licensees would continue the protection measures contained in the Interim Plans until they are supplanted by the Final Plan, and would continue to comply with the terms and conditions contained in the respective Biological Opinions issued for the Interim Plans.

l. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

DATED: August 5, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,

*Secretary.*¹

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¹ 18 CFR 2.1 (2019).